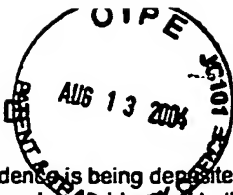


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Sir:

In the IDS filed on January 2, 2004 German Patent DE 198 41 202 C1 (Gärtner et al.), dated March 2, 2000 was cited. The patent had been originally submitted in an IDS in parent application 10/200,934 on August 16, 2002. Inadvertently, this German patent was not listed on Form PTO-1449.

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